

# Sheehan-paced Westfield wins sectional title

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Cliff Sheehan of Westfield, Tom Hughes of Ridgewood, Tim Fischer of Manalapan and Carlos Hanez of Central Ocean Regional were the fastest of the 2,000 runners who took part in the 16th annual NJSIAA sectional cross-country championships yesterday at four sites around the state.

Sheehan, the state's top-ranked runner this fall, shaved nine tenths of a second of his own course record at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, as he won the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 title for a second year. His time was 15:50.

Hughes led Ridgewood to its first Group 4 title in the North Jersey Section 1 meet at Garret Mountain, West Passer-

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son, running the 5,000-meter course in 16:03. Hanez did the same for Central Ocean Regional in the South Jersey Group 4 race at Pennsauken High School.

Fischer set a course record of 15:57 as he led Manalapan to a slim victory over North Hunterdon in the Central Jersey Group 3 race at Buccrutch Park in New Brunswick. Brian Harsman of Montgomery also had a fast race there in Group 1, setting a group record at 16:05.

Two top-ranked teams all had easy victories. Westfield, in North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 and Bernards in Central Jersey Group 1.

Bernards the state No. 2 team, had an easy success in the Central Jersey Group 1 race, as did Westfield, the No. 3 team, in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 race.

## NORTH JERSEY SECTION 1

**GROUP 4**  
After playing second fiddle to Memorial West New York the last five years, Ridgewood won easily, 55-19, over Wayne Valley with Tom Hughes leading the way in first place at 16:03.

Hughes went all out for the course record at Garret Mountain but missed by just two seconds. He finished 160 yards ahead of Tony Hoyd of Snyder. Mike Jones finished 16th for Ridgewood.

**TEAM SCORES** Ridgewood 55, Wayne Valley 19. 1st Tom Hughes, 16:03. 2nd Tony Hoyd, 16:05. 3rd Mike Jones, 16:10. 4th Dan DeLuca, 16:15. 5th Brian Harsman, 16:20. 6th Brian Harsman, 16:25. 7th Brian Harsman, 16:30. 8th Brian Harsman, 16:35. 9th Brian Harsman, 16:40. 10th Brian Harsman, 16:45.

**INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS** Tom Hughes, Ridgewood, 16:03. 2nd Tony Hoyd, Snyder, 16:05. 3rd Mike Jones, Ridgewood, 16:10. 4th Dan DeLuca, Snyder, 16:15. 5th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:20. 6th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:25. 7th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:30. 8th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:35. 9th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:40. 10th Brian Harsman, Wayne Valley, 16:45.

## GROUP 1

Sergio DelaVega led Emerson of Union City to its first sectional title as he finished 50 yards ahead of John Clements of Northern Highlands 16:15.

Emerson defeated Northern Highlands, 44-43, as Jose Frez placed 16th and Jose Galvez 13th. DelaVega's brother, Jorge, now at Glassboro State, finished second in this race last year.

**TEAM SCORES** Emerson 44, Northern Highlands 43. 1st Sergio DelaVega, Emerson, 16:15. 2nd John Clements, Northern Highlands, 16:20. 3rd Jose Frez, Northern Highlands, 16:25. 4th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:30. 5th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:35. 6th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:40. 7th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:45. 8th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:50. 9th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 16:55. 10th Jose Galvez, Northern Highlands, 17:00.

## GROUP 2

Kittatiny won its first sectional title, 86-97, over Hopalong in a battle of Sussex County schools. Sparta, which won the race the last two years, was fourth this time.

Wilson Adams of Fort Lee upset Scott DeLuder of Hopalong for the individual title, winning by 80 yards in 14:41. Jim Brown led the Kittatiny effort in third place.

**TEAM SCORES** Kittatiny 86, Hopalong 97. 1st Wilson Adams, Fort Lee, 14:41. 2nd Jim Brown, Kittatiny, 14:45. 3rd Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 14:50. 4th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 14:55. 5th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:00. 6th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:05. 7th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:10. 8th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:15. 9th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:20. 10th Scott DeLuder, Hopalong, 15:25.

## GROUP 3

Mahwah won its fourth sectional title in 16 years, 42-38, over Cresskill, with Frank Lambert placing fourth and Tom Dunne sixth to lead the victory.

Don Neubert of Ridgefield won the race by 70 yards over Sal Ferrante of Palisades Park in 17:00. Bill Hammerstrom was Cresskill's first across the line, third in 17:16.

**TEAM SCORES** Mahwah 42, Cresskill 38. 1st Don Neubert, Ridgefield, 17:00. 2nd Sal Ferrante, Palisades Park, 17:10. 3rd Bill Hammerstrom, Cresskill, 17:16. 4th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:20. 5th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:25. 6th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:30. 7th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:35. 8th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:40. 9th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:45. 10th Frank Lambert, Mahwah, 17:50.

## NORTH JERSEY SECTION 2

## GROUP 4

It was a repeat of last year as Cliff Sheehan led Westfield to an easy 33-74 victory over Morris County. It was the 16th sectional title for Westfield coach Walt Clarkson.

Pat Busby of Morris County gave Sheehan a battle all the way, but Cliff pulled away to win by 35 yards. John Cacchione, Dave Fitzgerald and Greg Kasco completed the Westfield romp by placing sixth, seventh and eighth.

**TEAM SCORES** Westfield 33, Morris County 74. 1st Cliff Sheehan, Westfield, 15:50. 2nd Pat Busby, Morris County, 16:25. 3rd John Cacchione, Morris County, 16:30. 4th Dave Fitzgerald, Westfield, 16:35. 5th Greg Kasco, Westfield, 16:40. 6th John Cacchione, Morris County, 16:45. 7th John Cacchione, Morris County, 16:50. 8th John Cacchione, Morris County, 16:55. 9th John Cacchione, Morris County, 17:00. 10th John Cacchione, Morris County, 17:05.

## GROUP 1

Parappany made it 12 victories in a row for Morris County schools in this race, defeating Millburn by 81-80.

Palmer of Caldwell led the field home by 40 yards in 16:32 with Steve Schmitt of Randolph second.

Sophomore Rich Molisso led the Parappany team in fifth place at 17:02, with teammates Hal Robinson and Bill Wallace placing 13th and 14th.

**TEAM SCORES** Parappany 41, Millburn 80. 1st Rich Molisso, Parappany, 17:02. 2nd Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:05. 3rd Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:10. 4th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:15. 5th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:20. 6th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:25. 7th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:30. 8th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:35. 9th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:40. 10th Steve Schmitt, Randolph, 17:45.

**GROUP 2**  
It was a Suburban Conference finish with Springfield beating New Providence 16-94, as Ken Loren of Dover won the race by 60 yards in 16:58. Chris McCarthy and Allan Tanquary finished second and fourth for New Providence.

but Springfield's balance paid off as it finished five runners behind 11th and 22nd place Steve Wright was the lead runner for Springfield.

**TEAM SCORES** Springfield 16, New Providence 94. 1st Ken Loren, Dover, 16:58. 2nd Chris McCarthy, New Providence, 17:00. 3rd Allan Tanquary, New Providence, 17:05. 4th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:10. 5th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:15. 6th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:20. 7th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:25. 8th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:30. 9th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:35. 10th Steve Wright, Springfield, 17:40.

**GROUP 1**  
Joe Gibson of Mountain Lakes led his team to a repeat victory, 39-47, over Kinnelon and also captured the individual title his brother Bob had won two years ago.

Gibson crossed the line 60 yards ahead of sophomore John Carlotto of Cedar Grove, in 17:05. Defender Peter Columbia of Kinnelon was third and Gibson's younger brother, Jay, came fourth.

**TEAM SCORES** Mountain Lakes 39, Kinnelon 47. 1st Joe Gibson, Mountain Lakes, 17:05. 2nd John Carlotto, Cedar Grove, 17:10. 3rd Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:15. 4th Jay Gibson, Mountain Lakes, 17:20. 5th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:25. 6th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:30. 7th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:35. 8th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:40. 9th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:45. 10th Peter Columbia, Cedar Grove, 17:50.

**CENTRAL JERSEY BOYS**

**GROUP 4**  
Joe Longo led Surreville to its first sectional title, 87-98, over Puckataway as he placed second to Bill Lee of East Brunswick in 16:15.

Lee, a junior in his first cross-country season, won the race by 18 yards in 16:14. Dan Bedford led the Puckataway team as he placed sixth in 16:43.

**TEAM SCORES** Surreville 87, Puckataway 98. 1st Joe Longo, Surreville, 16:15. 2nd Bill Lee, East Brunswick, 16:18. 3rd Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 16:43. 4th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 16:48. 5th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 16:53. 6th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 16:58. 7th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 17:03. 8th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 17:08. 9th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 17:13. 10th Dan Bedford, Puckataway, 17:18.

**GROUP 3**  
Tom Fischer remained undefeated this fall as he led Manalapan to a one-point victory over North Hunterdon, winning the race by 80 yards over Greg Ovey of Long Branch.

Manalapan clinched its second straight sectional crown as Mark Hastings placed third in 16:22 and John Casey sixth in 16:40. North Hunterdon's first finisher was Al Brown in eighth place.

**TEAM SCORES** Manalapan 80, North Hunterdon 81. 1st Tom Fischer, Manalapan, 16:22. 2nd Mark Hastings, Manalapan, 16:25. 3rd John Casey, Manalapan, 16:40. 4th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 16:45. 5th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 16:50. 6th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 16:55. 7th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 17:00. 8th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 17:05. 9th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 17:10. 10th Al Brown, North Hunterdon, 17:15.

**GROUP 2**  
Holmdel defended its title with a narrow 80-87 verdict over Princeton as the first four teams finished within 19 points.

Dave Hall of West Windsor, a basketball player in his first season of cross-country, won the race by 60 yards over Tom Patrick of Princeton in 16:40.

**TEAM SCORES** Holmdel 80, Princeton 87. 1st Dave Hall, West Windsor, 16:40. 2nd Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:45. 3rd Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:50. 4th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:55. 5th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:00. 6th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:05. 7th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:10. 8th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:15. 9th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:20. 10th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:25.



Mike Palmer of Caldwell crosses the finish line to win the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 race in 16:32 yesterday in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

George Massa led Holmdel in sixth place at 17:18.

**TEAM SCORES** Holmdel 80, Princeton 87. 1st Mike Palmer, Caldwell, 16:32. 2nd Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:45. 3rd Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:50. 4th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 16:55. 5th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:00. 6th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:05. 7th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:10. 8th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:15. 9th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:20. 10th Tom Patrick, Princeton, 17:25.

**GROUP 1**  
Bernards took its 15th sectional title in 14 years with an easy 26-81 conquest of Henry Hudson, placing six runners among the first 10 finishers.

Brian Harsman of Montgomery repeated as individual champion in 16:05, with John Cronner of Bernards 70 yards back at 16:17. Wally Kennedy of Kroyton took third but Bernards captured the next three places with Paul Stogryn, Mike Himmus and Tim PETERS.

**TEAM SCORES** Bernards 26, Henry Hudson 81. 1st Brian Harsman, Montgomery, 16:05. 2nd John Cronner, Bernards, 16:17. 3rd Wally Kennedy, Kroyton, 16:20. 4th Paul Stogryn, Bernards, 16:25. 5th Mike Himmus, Bernards, 16:30. 6th Tim Peters, Bernards, 16:35. 7th Tim Peters, Bernards, 16:40. 8th Tim Peters, Bernards, 16:45. 9th Tim Peters, Bernards, 16:50. 10th Tim Peters, Bernards, 16:55.

**SOUTH JERSEY BOYS**

**GROUP 4**  
Central Regional won its first sectional title over Brick, 75-83, with Carlos Hanez of the winners taking individual honors in 16:18.

Hanez, a junior, won by 125 yards over Bruce Miller of Cherry Hill East. Tony Top of Central Regional finished sixth in 16:58.

**TEAM SCORES** Central Regional 75, Brick 83. 1st Carlos Hanez, Central Regional, 16:18. 2nd Bruce Miller, Cherry Hill East, 16:25. 3rd Tony Top, Central Regional, 16:58. 4th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:03. 5th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:08. 6th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:13. 7th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:18. 8th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:23. 9th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:28. 10th Tony Top, Central Regional, 17:33.

**GROUP 3**  
Bob Decker of Oakcrest was disqualified for cutting the course inadvertently after he had won this one, and the good deed went to Dan Owens of Absegami, who finished 50 yards ahead of the other Decker twin, Ron, in 16:33.

Toms River South had no trouble taking the team title, 86-125, over Ocean City in its first start in Group 3; it won the Group 4 sectional last year. Ray Kilburg led the winners in third place at 16:40 and Dave Marzuka placed eighth.

**TEAM SCORES** Ocean City 86, Absegami 125. 1st Dan Owens, Absegami, 16:40. 2nd Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 16:45. 3rd Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 16:50. 4th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 16:55. 5th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:00. 6th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:05. 7th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:10. 8th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:15. 9th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:20. 10th Ray Kilburg, Toms River South, 17:25.

**GROUP 2**  
Haddonfield took its fourth straight

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Cliff Sheehan (left) of Westfield and Morris County's Pat Busby battle down the stretch of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 race yesterday at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth. Sheehan won in 15:50 with Busby five seconds behind.